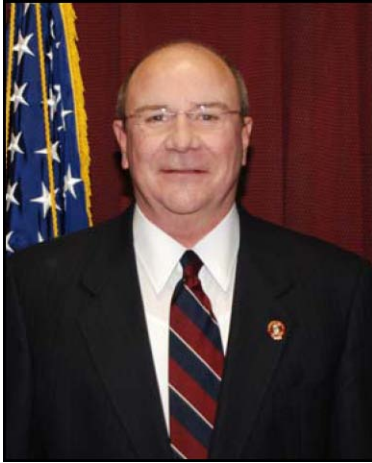




BIOGRAPHY



R.D. James

Member

Mr. Rickey Dale "R.D." James, a self-employed farmer and manager of cotton gins and grain elevators for the A.C. Riley Company in New Madrid, Missouri, was appointed to the Mississippi River Commission on December 1, 1981. After his nine-year-term had expired, he was reappointed April 19, 1991. Mr. James was reappointed for a third 9-year term on April 16, 2003.

While employed with the Kentucky Department of Water Resources engineering office, he attended the University of Kentucky and graduated with a degree in civil engineering in 1971.

Mr. James received the Sikeston Area Chamber of Commerce 2007 Agri Business Award and was the New Madrid County Outstanding Conservation Farmer of 1987. He presently serves on the Board of Directors and Executive Committee of the Southern Cotton Ginners Association, Memphis, Tennessee; Board Member, Cotton Producers of Missouri, Kennett, Missouri.

He is a past member of both the Board of Directors of the U.S. Bank of Sikeston, Missouri, and the New Madrid County Board of Education (served as the president from 1980-1998).

A native of Fulton County, Kentucky, he and his wife Jennye have two children, Albert Riley James, a 1995 graduate of Mississippi State University -- now in the family farming business and employed by A.C. Riley Cotton Company, and Virginia Elizabeth James (deceased).

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